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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

These documents were noted in the International Search Report in the corresponding PCT application PCT/US02/37603 (copy enclosed). One document in the search, U.S. Patent 5,492,673, was made of record in Applicant's prior IDS and this is not enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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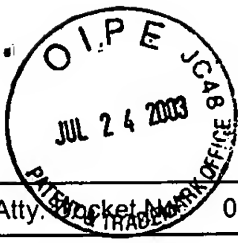
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

International Search Report, mailed April 9, 2003 for PCT/US02/37603

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